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# U.S. District Court
## District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
## CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:18−cv−00155−TNM

REPORTERS COMMITTEE FOR FREEDOM OF THE PRESS v. UNITED STATES CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION et al
Assigned to: Judge Trevor N. McFadden
Case: 1:18−cv−01289−TNM
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 01/24/2018
Jury Demand: None
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of Information Act
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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| Date Filed | # | Docket Text |
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| 01/24/2018 | 1 | COMPLAINT against ALL DEFENDANTS, et al ( Filing fee $ 400 receipt number 0090−5301039) filed by REPORTERS COMMITTEE FOR FREEDOM OF THE |

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| | | PRESS. (Attachments: # 1 Exhibit A, # 2 Exhibit B, # 3 Exhibit C, # 4 Exhibit D, # 5 Exhibit E, # 6 Exhibit F, # 7 Exhibit G, # 8 Exhibit H, # 9 Exhibit I, # 10 Exhibit J, # 11 Civil Cover Sheet, # 12 Summons Customs and Border Protection, # 13 Summons Department of Homeland Security, # 14 Summons U.S. Attorney General, # 15 Summons U.S. Attorney)(Townsend, KatieLynn) (Entered: 01/24/2018) |
| 01/24/2018 | | Case Assigned to Judge Trevor N. McFadden. (md) (Entered: 01/26/2018) |
| 01/26/2018 | 2 | STANDING ORDER Establishing Procedures for Cases Before Judge Trevor N. McFadden. The parties are hereby ORDERED to read and comply with the directives in the attached standing order. Signed by Judge Trevor N. McFadden on 1/26/2018. (lctnm3) (Entered: 01/26/2018) |
| 01/26/2018 | 3 | SUMMONS (4) Issued Electronically as to UNITED STATES CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # 1 Notice and Consent) (md) (Entered: 01/26/2018) |
| 02/02/2018 | 4 | RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 2/2/2018. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 3/4/2018. (Townsend, KatieLynn) (Entered: 02/02/2018) |
| 02/02/2018 | 5 | RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 2/2/18. (Townsend, KatieLynn) (Entered: 02/02/2018) |
| 02/02/2018 | 6 | RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. UNITED STATES CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION served on 2/1/2018 (Townsend, KatieLynn) (Entered: 02/02/2018) |
| 02/02/2018 | 7 | RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY served on 2/1/2018 (Townsend, KatieLynn) (Entered: 02/02/2018) |
| 02/05/2018 | 8 | NOTICE of Appearance by Jennifer Anne Nelson on behalf of REPORTERS COMMITTEE FOR FREEDOM OF THE PRESS (Nelson, Jennifer) (Entered: 02/05/2018) |
| 02/26/2018 | 9 | NOTICE of Appearance by Rhonda Lisa Campbell on behalf of UNITED STATES CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (Campbell, Rhonda) (Entered: 02/26/2018) |
| 03/02/2018 | 10 | Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to File Answer re 1 Complaint,, by UNITED STATES CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (Campbell, Rhonda) (Entered: 03/02/2018) |
| 03/05/2018 | | MINUTE ORDER regarding the Defendants' 10 Consent Motion for Extension of Time. The Defendants shall now file their answer on or before March 19, 2018. It is FURTHER ORDERED that the parties shall appear for a Status Conference on March 22, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. in Courtroom 2 before Judge Trevor N. McFadden. Signed by Judge Trevor N. McFadden on 3/5/2018. (lctnm2) (Entered: 03/05/2018) |
| 03/05/2018 | | Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Defendants' answer to the complaint due by 3/19/2018. A Status Conference is scheduled for 3/22/2018, at 10:00 AM in Courtroom 2, before Judge Trevor N. McFadden. (hmc) (Entered: 03/05/2018) |
| 03/19/2018 | 11 | ANSWER to 1 Complaint by UNITED STATES CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY.(Campbell, Rhonda) Modified to add link on 3/20/2018 (znmw). (Entered: 03/19/2018) |
| 03/20/2018 | | MINUTE ORDER. Before the Court are a complaint and an answer in this FOIA case. In light of the upcoming status conference on March 22, 2018, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall confer in advance of the status conference, and be prepared to discuss a schedule for proceeding in this matter. The parties shall be prepared to address, to the extent possible, the status of Plaintiff's FOIA request, the anticipated |

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| | | number of documents responsive to Plaintiff's FOIA request, the anticipated date(s) for release of the documents requested by Plaintiff, whether a motion for an Open America stay is likely in this case, whether a Vaughn index will be required in this case, and a briefing schedule for dispositive motions, if required. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Trevor N. McFadden on 3/20/2018. (lctnm2) (Entered: 03/20/2018) |
| 03/22/2018 | | Minute Entry for proceedings held before Judge Trevor N. McFadden: Status Conference held on 3/22/2018. Order forthcoming. (Court Reporter Patricia Kaneshiro−Miller.) (hmc) (Entered: 03/22/2018) |
| 03/22/2018 | | MINUTE ORDER. Upon further reflection, based on the record and for good cause shown, the Court hereby VACATES and modifies its oral order regarding production as follows: The Defendant shall review at least 500 pages of potentially responsive material per month, and produce responsive records to the Plaintiff by the end of every month. The first production shall be made on or before April 30, 2018. The parties are FURTHER ORDERED to submit a joint status report on or before May 4, 2018, and on or before the 5th day of every month thereafter. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Trevor N. McFadden on 3/22/2018. (lctnm2) (Entered: 03/22/2018) |
| 03/22/2018 | | Set/Reset Deadlines: Defendants' first production due by 4/30/2018. Joint Status Report due by 5/4/2018, and every month thereafter. (hmc) (Entered: 03/22/2018) |
| 05/04/2018 | 12 | STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. (Campbell, Rhonda) Modified text on 5/7/2018 (td). (Entered: 05/04/2018) |
| 05/04/2018 | 13 | STATUS REPORT by REPORTERS COMMITTEE FOR FREEDOM OF THE PRESS. (Attachments: # 1 Exhibit A)(Townsend, KatieLynn) Modified text on 5/7/2018 (td). (Entered: 05/04/2018) |
| 06/05/2018 | 14 | Joint STATUS REPORT by REPORTERS COMMITTEE FOR FREEDOM OF THE PRESS. (Townsend, KatieLynn) (Entered: 06/05/2018) |
| 06/08/2018 | 15 | Unopposed MOTION to Consolidate Cases by REPORTERS COMMITTEE FOR FREEDOM OF THE PRESS (Attachments: # 1 Text of Proposed Order)(Townsend, KatieLynn) (Entered: 06/08/2018) |
| 06/12/2018 | | MINUTE ORDER granting Plaintiff's unopposed 5 Motion to Consolidate. It is hereby ORDERED that Case No. 18−cv−00155 and Case No. 18−cv−01289 are hereby consolidated. The Clerk's Office shall close No. 18−cv−01289 and transfer those parties to No. 18−cv−00155 if necessary; all filings shall be made only in No. 18−cv−00155 and parties shall NOT elect to spread text when filing on ECF, as this will result in repetitive docketing. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Trevor N. McFadden on 6/12/2018. (lctnm2, ) (Entered: 06/12/2018) |
| 06/12/2018 | | Cases consolidated. Cases 08−155 and 18−1289 have been consolidated pursuant to Minute Order entered 6/12/18. All filings shall be made only in the LEAD CASE No. 18−cv−00155 and parties shall NOT elect to spread text when filing on ECF, as this will result in repetitive docketing. (ztd) (Entered: 06/18/2018) (ztd) (Entered: 06/18/2018) |
| 07/05/2018 | 16 | Joint STATUS REPORT by REPORTERS COMMITTEE FOR FREEDOM OF THE PRESS. (Townsend, KatieLynn) (Entered: 07/05/2018) |
| 07/09/2018 | | MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' 16 Joint Status Report, the Court hereby ORDERS the parties to appear for a status conference on August 8, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. in Courtroom 2 before Judge Trevor N. McFadden. The parties shall continue to file Joint Status Reports as previously ordered, including the next report due on August 6, 2018. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Trevor N. McFadden on 7/9/2018. (lctnm2) (Entered: 07/09/2018) |
| 07/09/2018 | | Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Joint Status Report due by 8/6/2018. Status Conference scheduled for 8/8/2018, at 10:00 AM in Courtroom 2 before Judge Trevor N. McFadden. (hmc) (Entered: 07/09/2018) |
| 07/09/2018 | 17 | Consent MOTION to Continue *Status Conference Scheduled for August 8, 2018* by REPORTERS COMMITTEE FOR FREEDOM OF THE PRESS (Townsend, KatieLynn) (Entered: 07/09/2018) |

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| 07/10/2018 | | MINUTE ORDER granting the Plaintiff's 17 Consent Motion to Continue. The status conference previously set for August 8, 2018, is hereby rescheduled for August 27, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. in Courtroom 2, before Judge Trevor N. McFadden. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Trevor N. McFadden on 7/10/2018. (lctnm2) (Entered: 07/10/2018) |
| 07/10/2018 | | Set/Reset Hearings: Status Conference rescheduled for 8/27/2018, at 10:00 AM in Courtroom 2, before Judge Trevor N. McFadden. (hmc) (Entered: 07/10/2018) |
| 08/06/2018 | 18 | Unopposed MOTION for Leave to File *Answer in Case No. 18−1289* by UNITED STATES CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (Attachments: # 1 Answer in Case No. 18−1289)(Campbell, Rhonda) (Entered: 08/06/2018) |
| 08/06/2018 | 19 | Joint STATUS REPORT by REPORTERS COMMITTEE FOR FREEDOM OF THE PRESS. (Townsend, KatieLynn) (Entered: 08/06/2018) |
| 08/06/2018 | | MINUTE ORDER granting Defendant's 18 Unopposed Motion for Leave to File Answer. The Court will accept ECF No. [18−1] as the Answer in Civil Case No. 18−1289. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Trevor N. McFadden on 8/6/2018. (lctnm2) (Entered: 08/06/2018) |
| 08/06/2018 | 20 | ANSWER to Complaint by UNITED STATES CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY.as the Answer in Civil Case No. 18−1289(zrdj) (Entered: 08/07/2018) |
| 08/27/2018 | | Minute Entry for proceedings held before Judge Trevor N. McFadden: Status Conference held on 8/27/2018. As stated on the record, the Court will excuse the Defendants' departure from the page review requirements for this month. (Court Reporter: Crystal Pilgrim.) (hmc) (Entered: 08/27/2018) |
| 09/05/2018 | 21 | Joint STATUS REPORT by REPORTERS COMMITTEE FOR FREEDOM OF THE PRESS. (Townsend, KatieLynn) (Entered: 09/05/2018) |
| 10/05/2018 | 22 | Joint STATUS REPORT by REPORTERS COMMITTEE FOR FREEDOM OF THE PRESS. (Townsend, KatieLynn) (Entered: 10/05/2018) |
| 10/05/2018 | 23 | NOTICE of Change of Address by KatieLynn Boyd Townsend (Townsend, KatieLynn) (Entered: 10/05/2018) |
| 11/05/2018 | 24 | Joint STATUS REPORT by REPORTERS COMMITTEE FOR FREEDOM OF THE PRESS. (Townsend, KatieLynn) (Entered: 11/05/2018) |
| 11/27/2018 | 25 | MOTION to Bifurcate *Summary Judgment Briefing* by REPORTERS COMMITTEE FOR FREEDOM OF THE PRESS (Attachments: # 1 Exhibit A, # 2 Text of Proposed Order)(Townsend, KatieLynn) (Entered: 11/27/2018) |